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Production of
ICE CREAM
and
RELATED FROZEN PRODUCTS
DECEMBER 1971

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ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

Ice cream production in the United States during December was estimated at 52,215,000 gallons, the Crop Reporting Board reports. Output for December 1971 was down 2 percent from a year ago and 1 percent from two years earlier. The year's total of 772,385,000 gallons was 1 percent more than in both 1970 and 1969. Output decreased 6 percent from November to December, compared with increases between these months of 4 percent in 1970 and 7 percent in 1969.

Temperatures during December averaged much below normal west of an irregular line from Minnesota to New Mexico and considerably above normal in the East. Temperatures in parts of the East were the warmest in many years. Subzero and below normal readings prevailed in the West through the first three weeks of December.

Compared with December 1970, ice cream production was less in all regions except the South Atlantic, where it was 5 percent more and the Mountain States, where it was 9 percent larger. Decreased output varied from 1 percent in the North Atlantic Region to 6 percent in the East North Central. Production was down 5 percent in the South Central States, 4 percent in the Pacific and 2 percent in the West North Central. In the three leading ice cream-producing states, output was up 2 percent in both New York and Pennsylvania, but down 8 percent in California.

Decreases in production from November to December were shown in all regions except the Mountain, where it increased 1 percent. Declines in the remaining areas varied from 1 percent in the Pacific to 15 percent in the South Central. Output was off 7 percent in both the North Atlantic States and the East North Central, 5 percent in the West North Central and 4 percent in the South Atlantic. Decreases in the three leading states were: Pennsylvania, 7 percent; California, 4 percent and New York, 1 percent.

Note: Annual production figures of ice cream by states, 1969, 1970, and 1971 are shown on page 5.

PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES 1971

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED	CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
	Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	53,694	52,291	52,390	- 2	0
February	53,701	54,410	53,800	0	- 1
March	60,812	63,386	64,400	+ 6	+ 2
April	63,622	62,667	64,715	+ 2	+ 3
May	68,298	68,132	64,000	- 6	- 6
June	74,890	75,121	76,520	+ 2	+ 2
July	82,348	78,736	80,020	- 3	+ 2
August	76,024	74,227	76,115	0	+ 3
September	68,466	69,268	70,495	+ 3	+ 2
October	61,315	60,398	61,910	+ 1	+ 3
November	49,496	51,066	55,805	+ 13	+ 9
December	52,835	53,314	52,215	- 1	- 2
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	765,501	763,016	772,385	+ 1	+ 1

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PRODUCTION OF ICE CREAM, BY STATES, DECEMBER 1971

STATE AND GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	DECEMBER 1969	DECEMBER 1970	NOVEMBER 1971	DECEMBER 1971	DEC. 1970	NOV. 1971
	Thousand Gallons				Percent	
Maine	308	291	300	300	+ 3	0
Massachusetts ...	2,638	3,102	3,160	2,820	- 9	-11
Connecticut	978	937	1,050	830	-11	-21
New York	4,813	4,881	5,020	4,970	+ 2	- 1
New Jersey	1,221	1,217	1,400	1,280	+ 5	- 9
Pennsylvania	5,257	5,529	6,060	5,650	+ 2	- 7
Other N.A. States	215	182	205	160	-12	-22
NO. ATLANTIC STATES	15,430	16,139	17,195	16,010	- 1	- 7
Ohio	3,379	3,228	3,200	3,100	- 4	- 3
Indiana	1,625	1,800	1,900	1,730	- 4	- 9
Illinois	2,852	2,849	2,850	2,350	-18	-18
Michigan	2,531	2,609	2,620	2,530	- 3	- 3
Wisconsin	1,525	1,568	1,600	1,570	0	- 2
E.N. CENTRAL STATES	11,912	12,054	12,170	11,280	- 6	- 7
Minnesota	2,191	2,206	2,280	2,150	- 3	- 6
Iowa	596	584	630	610	+ 4	- 3
Missouri	1,248	1,192	1,300	1,270	+ 7	- 2
North Dakota	240	232	225	190	-18	-16
South Dakota	20	29	25	20	-31	-20
Nebraska	711	714	725	600	-16	-17
Kansas	523	569	560	590	+ 4	+ 5
W.N. CENTRAL STATES	5,529	5,526	5,745	5,430	- 2	- 5
District of Columbia	468	240	270	300	+25	+11
Maryland	1,204	1,262	1,320	1,120	-11	-15
Virginia	689	670	745	665	- 1	-11
West Virginia ...	227	145	150	120	-17	-20
North Carolina ..	1,069	1,106	1,425	1,220	+10	-14
Georgia	564	526	555	485	- 8	-13
Florida	1,566	1,548	1,580	1,730	+12	+ 9
Other S.A. States	519	443	465	590	+33	+27
SO. ATLANTIC STATES	6,306	5,940	6,510	6,230	+ 5	- 4
Kentucky	357	313	365	300	- 4	-18
Tennessee	903	1,008	1,175	1,035	+ 3	-12
Alabama	474	599	710	585	- 2	-18
Mississippi	234	224	255	280	+25	+10
Arkansas	159	203	205	165	-19	-20
Louisiana	593	668	660	580	-13	-12
Oklahoma	368	370	400	345	- 7	-14
Texas	1,758	1,906	2,100	1,720	-10	-18
SO. CENTRAL STATES	4,846	5,291	5,870	5,010	- 5	-15
Montana	127	114	115	110	- 4	- 4
Idaho	234	243	240	175	-28	-27
Colorado	516	538	520	620	+15	+19
Arizona	349	362	410	420	+16	+ 2
Utah	291	288	360	360	+25	0
Other Mt. States	207	215	260	235	+ 9	-10
MOUNTAIN STATES	1,724	1,760	1,905	1,920	+ 9	+ 1
Washington	958	935	940	1,060	+13	+13
Oregon	453	385	460	430	+12	- 7
California	5,523	5,114	4,850	4,680	- 8	- 4
PACIFIC STATES	6,934	6,434	6,250	6,170	- 4	- 1
UNITED STATES 1/	52,835	53,314	55,805	52,215	- 2	- 6

1/ Includes Alaska and Hawaii.

Ice milk production in the U.S. during December was set 16,265,000 gallons -- a record high for the month. This is 4 percent larger than the same month last year and 12 percent larger than two years earlier. Total production in 1971 was only slightly above last year's total and 6 percent more than in 1969.

From November to December, output decreased 5 percent. This compares with a fractional decline between these months in 1970 and a 3 percent decrease in 1969. Production decreased in all regions except the North Atlantic.

Compared with December 1970, changes in output by regions were mixed.

PRODUCTION OF ICE MILK, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES, 1971

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED	CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
	Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	14,590	15,282	15,405	+ 6	+ 1
February	15,331	16,560	16,490	+ 8	0
March	19,677	21,490	21,630	+ 10	+ 1
April	24,179	24,943	25,720	+ 6	+ 3
May	28,990	30,211	27,980	- 3	- 7
June	31,066	34,077	34,410	+ 11	+ 1
July	34,730	36,472	35,270	+ 2	- 3
August	31,638	33,654	33,180	+ 5	- 1
September	24,970	26,736	26,345	+ 6	- 1
October	20,989	20,826	21,895	+ 4	+ 5
November	14,855	15,685	17,170	+ 16	+ 9
December	14,480	15,615	16,265	+ 12	+ 4
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	275,495	291,551	291,760	+ 6	0

SHERBET PRODUCTION

December production of sherbet in the country totaled 3,000,000 gallons -- a new record high for the month. Output was 6 percent larger than in December 1970 and up fractionally from two years earlier. Total production for 1971 set at 49,870,000 gallons was 2 percent more than in 1970, but 3 percent less than the annual output in 1969.

Production decreased 1 percent from November to December, compared with increases of 1 percent a year earlier and 12 percent in 1969. Output advanced in the North and South Atlantic Regions and the West North Central, but declined in all other areas of the country.

Compared with December 1970, production was up in all regions except the Pacific States, where it was down slightly.

PRODUCTION OF SHERBET, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES 1971

MONTH	ENUMERATED		ESTIMATED	CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
	Thousand Gallons			Percent	
January	3,135	2,906	2,885	- 8	- 1
February	3,089	3,004	3,000	- 3	0
March	3,306	3,868	3,975	+ 4	+ 3
April	4,505	4,097	4,325	- 4	+ 6
May	5,119	4,949	4,565	- 11	- 8
June	5,829	5,673	5,985	+ 3	+ 5
July	6,462	5,940	6,095	- 6	+ 3
August	5,581	5,344	5,155	- 8	- 4
September	4,478	4,106	4,385	- 2	+ 7
October	3,540	3,391	3,475	- 2	+ 2
November	2,662	2,781	3,025	+ 14	+ 9
December	2,993	2,822	3,000	0	+ 6
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	51,199	48,881	49,870	- 3	+ 2

United States production of Mellorine and other frozen desserts made with fats and oils other than milkfat in December was estimated at 2,610,000 gallons. Output at this level was 13 percent less than in December 1970 and 19 percent smaller than in 1969. Total production during 1971 was off 5 percent from 1970 and 12 percent from 1969.

Production dropped 16 percent from November to December this year, compared with increases of 2 percent at this time in 1970 and 1 percent two years earlier. Decreases from November occurred in all important producing states except Oklahoma and Oregon.

Compared with December 1970, output was more in Oklahoma and Arizona, but less in all other states.

PRODUCTION OF "MELLORINE-TYPE" FROZEN DESSERTS, BY MONTHS, UNITED STATES 1971

MONTH	ENUMERATED	ESTIMATED		CHANGE FROM:	
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970
		Thousand Gallons		Percent	
January	3,829	3,340	3,255	- 15	- 3
February	3,683	3,727	3,450	- 6	- 7
March	4,303	4,365	4,235	- 2	- 3
April	4,947	4,606	4,240	- 14	- 8
May	5,256	4,854	4,360	- 17	- 10
June	5,575	5,304	5,400	- 3	+ 2
July	6,201	5,662	5,380	- 13	- 5
August	5,686	5,227	4,865	- 14	- 7
September	5,074	4,765	4,315	- 15	- 9
October	4,617	3,975	3,910	- 15	- 2
November	3,180	2,950	3,125	- 2	+ 6
December	3,215	2,995	2,610	- 19	- 13
TWELVE MONTH TOTAL	55,566	51,770	49,145	- 12	- 5